

PREFACE

The process of urbanization is changing the face of North Carolina. Problems and readjustments are an inevitable part of this change. Some of these factors can be resolved by local citizens and governmental units without too much difficulty. Other factors require considerable study and planning before effective measures of correction can be undertaken. Unfortunately, the lack of money and technical assistance has prevented most small municipalities and counties from engaging in long range planning.

Realizing this dilemma, our Congress provided means for overcoming this obstacle. Section 701 of the Federal Housing Act of 1954, as revised, now provides the necessary financial assistance. The State of North Carolina, through the Division of Community Planning, assures the necessary technical assistance by assigning qualified Community Planners.

The Town of Biscoe has become increasingly aware of the effects of this process of urbanization. The town is now faced with a four hundred and fifty thousand dollar upgrading of its sewerage system just to meet the needs of the present population. The existing system, which is badly overloaded, is polluting streams from which adjacent communities are obtaining their water supply.

Efforts to solve this and other problems resulted in contacts being made for Federal assistance, and for planning assistance by the Division of Community Planning. On May 3, 1968, Biscoe's application for planning assistance was approved and funded by the Federal government's Atlanta Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. A contract was executed between the Town of Biscoe and the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development acting through its Division of Community Planning. The contract called for the following elements to be completed over a two-year period: